

*Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116 * – Expedited Procedure – Examining Group 1731
Docket No. 1759.140
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A reinforcing tape ~~that includes system comprising:~~
a reinforcing tape including a ply of longitudinal, aramid-, glass- or carbon-based high-tenacity yarns bound together by weft yarns, which tape includes two thermoplastic films, each placed on a respective different side of the ply of high-tenacity yarns;

the tape being flexible to allow the tape to be and being wound around an outside surface of a structure to be reinforced, the tape, and to conform conforming to a shape of, an object the outside surface of the structure to be reinforced, said ply of yarns configured to reinforce reinforcing the object when the tape is wound around the object structure in response to the tape being wound around the structure.
2. **(Currently Amended)** The reinforcing tape system as claimed in claim 1, wherein each thermoplastic film adheres to a respective different side of the ply.
3. **(Currently Amended)** The reinforcing tape system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the two thermoplastic films are bonded together along edges of the tape.
4. **(Currently Amended)** The reinforcing tape system as claimed in claim 3, wherein the ply of longitudinal yarns is capable of sliding inside a sheath formed by the two thermoplastic films.
5. **(Currently Amended)** The reinforcing tape system as claimed in claim 1, wherein each film has ultraviolet radiation blocking properties.
6. **(Currently Amended)** The reinforcing tape system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the longitudinal yarns are bound together by at least partly thermoplastic weft yarns.
7. **(Currently Amended)** The reinforcing tape system as claimed in claim 6, wherein thermoplastic material of the weft yarns and material of the films are similar.

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8. ***(Currently Amended)*** The reinforcing tape system of claim 1 wherein said thermoplastic films avoid penetrating into the ply of high-tenacity yarns.

9. ***(Currently Amended)*** A system for reinforcing a structure which includes the tape system of claim 1 and further includes a second reinforcing tape having a second ply of longitudinal high-tenacity yarns and two thermoplastic films, each placed on a respective different side of the second ply of high-tenacity yarns, and wherein said ply and said second ply avoid contact with each other, said ply and second ply being separated from one another by at least one film of the thermoplastic films of the first tape and at least one film of the thermoplastic films of the second tape.